# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:414
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2003
WELFARE MEASURES FOR DISABLED PERSONS
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the year 2002 marked the end of the Asia-pacific decade of disabled persons;

(b) whether during that period, the Union Government had taken a number of measures to help the disabled and elderly persons; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (b) and (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.414 for answer on 21.8.2003 raised by Shri G. Putta Swamy Gowda, M.P. regarding Welfare Measures for Disabled Persons.

The highlights of the initiatives taken by the Government of India, for the welfare of the personswith disabilities and elderly persons during the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons 1993-2002 are as under :

1) Enactment of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995.

2) Enactment of the National Trust for the welfare of persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, MentalRetardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999. The National Trust has become functional in the year 2000.